

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 10, 2015

Location: South Hadley Town Hall, Room 1

ATTENDANCE: Ted Boulais, John Kelly, Schley Warren, Nancy Knadler, Patrice L. Dardenne, John E. Pietras, Ira Brezinsky, Forrest D. Price, Jr., Joan Rosner, Jeff Cyr (Appropriations), David LaBrie (Chief of Police), Steven Fleming (Police Officer), Andy Rogers (Recreation), Eric Roise (Gale Associates), Brian Cature (Ass't. Coach), Scott Taylor (Head H.S. Football Coach), Bill Simard (Parks)

Ted called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m. Ted: We must prioritize projects; not enough money.

School Security: Chief LaBrie: State Trooper Carmichael spent half a day touring schools. Based on his suggestions, the "easy stuff" is done including everyone enters through the front doors. All other doors are locked. Chief LaBrie just checked the High School; all doors locked. He commended security at Mosier-secretary is right there. Middle is hardest to watch activity. Off. Fleming: his priorities for improvement, Middle, H.S., Mosier. Police can be at school in 90 seconds. Proposed vestibule areas provide time. Schools providing training and materials for emergencies. Emergency "Go Kit", Binder, Protocol Binder. Substitutes given classroom keys. Ira: Need agreement between police and schools about priorities and labor costs; could be a big change for personnel (i.e. secretaries). Off Fleming: Secretaries safer behind window with security film. John K.: can't justify paying security to sit at door all day.

Training provided for: Lockdown, Shelter in Place, Evacuation. Schley: "Alice " training, use your head, get out if you can.

Multi-Purpose Sport Field at H.S.: Eric Roise, Gale Assoc. described and compared artificial turf and grass fields. Drainage, maintenance, time to build, New information, rake 4x a year, vacuum every other year (\$2500), plow snow after every storm, artificial fields "play hot", many studies of health concerns-no relation found. Nancy: demand for games in S.H.? Andy: Big demand. Fields unsafe due to overuse. Organic artificial surface will be more expensive. Ira: people want more and more. Jeff: give people what they want, field/track. John K.: \$1,000,000-\$2,000,000 privately funded sports complex going round and round for years. Grass field now, 5 yr. plan for complex. Ira: Consultant to look at entire program and town makes a decision. Ask the people. John K.: there's a stack of letters about the condition of the field. Andy: \$900,000 buys fence, walking path, field for a lot of sports. Town Farm field very poor. \$9,000 from donor used toward \$10,000 study. Pat: Need to look at cost of closing field for a full year, transporting to games in other locations, loss of game receipts, if we choose grass. Eric: Substantial saving by putting artificial turf in during fall or spring.

John K: School Dep't. requests a multi-sport field, not a complex. Recreation wants a complex. Andy: Sports are a big draw for school choice. Joan: Many parents have a sports criteria when looking for new homes. Pat: Artificial field may have to go outside of Capital Planning.

MOTION: Forrest moved, Nancy seconded, motion to accept the February 24, 2015 minutes as presented. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting: March 24, 2015, 5:00p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rosner

Secretary

List of documents reviewed in March 10, 2015 Capital Planning Committee Meeting

- FAIRLIE BUILDING DESIGNS, LLC: Feasibility Study Package (revised Feb. 25, 2015
South Hadley High School Stadium Renovation Initiative, South Hadley, Massachusetts
- R.A.D. SPORTS, Estimate of Conversion of S. Hadley Football Field to Synthetic
- GALE: Power Point hard copy of Synthetic Turf and Estimate